

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to claims 10 and 13 can be found throughout the Specification.

Claims 9 to 16 are now pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this amendment.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that all claims 9 to 16 may be allowable once the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is addressed and withdrawn.

Claims 9 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, claim 9 was rejected for its recitation of "linking." Claim 9 recites "linking the regeneration information to the secret information v" and "the seed S may be derived deterministically by a trust center by linking only to a secret information v known to the trust center." As noted in the Specification at page 4, and in the Office Action, the term linking includes concatenating or combining with the various informations. Applicant trusts that this statement, in line with the Specification, is sufficient in response to the request in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 is allowable in view of the further clarification.

Claim 10 was rejected because variables x, y, z lack antecedent basis. Claim 10 has been amended above to correct this informality by reciting "a value x," "a value y," and "a value z." Claim 10 was rejected for its recitation of "linking" and Applicant incorporates herein the above clarification discussion concerning linking. Claim 10 was rejected for lack of a comma. Claim 10 has been amended above to correct this informality by inserting a comma as suggested by the Office Action. Further, the Office Action suggests clarifying the equation language. Claim 10 has been amended above for such purpose. Claim 13 also has been amended for such purpose. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is allowable in view of the further clarification.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9 to 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that claim 9 and its dependent claims 10 to 16 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that the rejection of claims 9 to 16 should be withdrawn, and that all currently pending claims 9 to 16 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that any rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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